

Remarks

The present Amendment supplements Applicants previously filed Amendment dated June 6, 2006.

Claims 1, 5-6, 7, 8-12, 20, 24-25 and 27-38 are now pending, of which claim 36 has been amended.

Claims 36-38 were newly added in Applicants' June 6, 2006 Amendment. Applicants respectfully submit that newly added claims 36-38 read on the elected invention of Group I drawn to a module for controlling voltage consistent with Applicants' prior election, and also read on the elected species I. Applicants submit that newly added claims 36-38 are submitted to be generic of the species identified in the Office Action dated January 11, 2005.


Applicants note that claim 36 corresponds to original claim 1 as filed in the present application, and that claim 37 corresponds to original claim 20 as filed in the present application. Each of claims 1 and 20 were previously rejected in the Office Action dated October 10, 2005 as being anticipated by Thrap (U.S. Patent No. 6,806,686). Submitted herewith is a Declaration of Prior Invention from one of the inventors that evidences an actual reduction to practice of the presently claimed invention of claims 36 and 37 at a date prior to April 25, 2003 when the Thrap patent application was filed. In light of the declaration, the Thrap patent is antedated and disqualified as prior art that can be properly cited against these claims. Claims 36 and 37, which correspond to original claims 1 and 20, are therefore submitted to be patentable over the art of record.

Claim 38 was newly added in Applicants' June 6, 2006 Amendment and does not correspond to any original claim in the application, but is believed to be patentable for similar reasons to claims 36 and 37..

Applicants respectfully request consideration of newly added claims 36-38 together with these remarks.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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